
Marathon County's Older Population

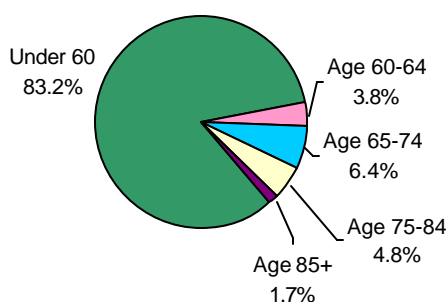
A summary of data from the U.S. Census, 2000

Population:

The proportion of people age 65 and older in Marathon County is similar to that of the state as a whole (13.0% versus 13.1%). The rate of growth in the older population since 1990 has been faster in this county than in the state as a whole (11.7% versus 7.9%). In all, 16,321 people in this county are age 65 or older, and 2,189 of these are age 85 or older. Marathon County's average (or median) age is 36.3 years, compared to a statewide median of 36.0 years.

Marathon County: Population and Change Since 1990						
	2000 Census		1990 Census		Change: 1990-2000	
	Number	% of Total	Number	% of Total	Number	% Change
Total, All Ages	125,834		115,400		10,434	9.0%
Persons 60 and over	21,105	16.8%	19,403	16.8%	1,702	8.8%
Persons 65 and over	16,321	13.0%	14,611	12.7%	1,710	11.7%
Persons 85 and over	2,189	1.7%	1,462	1.3%	727	49.7%

Age Groups, 2000: Percent of Marathon County Population in Each Group



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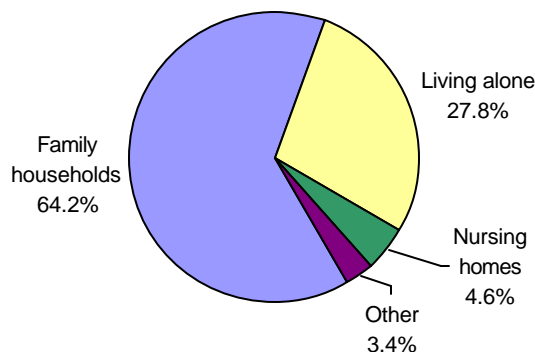
A large majority (98.7%) of Marathon County's 65 and over population is white. On average, the county's minority groups are younger than whites. Marathon County African Americans have a median age of 22.1 years, and the median age of Hispanics/Latinos here is 21.2 years. Whites, in contrast, average 37.5 years.

Living Arrangements:

Of the 47,702 households in Marathon County, 11,094 include at least one person age 65 or older (23.3% of all households). A total of 10,336 housing units have a "household head" aged 65 or older, and 79.1% of these are owner occupied (the rest are rented).

A majority (64.2%) of the older population lives in "family households" containing at least two people related by blood or marriage, but another 27.8% of people 65 or older live alone. Of those older people in family households, 4.7% are living in the home of one of their children. A total of 755 people age 65 and older live in Marathon County nursing homes (4.6% of all those in this age group). A very small number of the county's older residents live in nonfamily households or in other institutions.

Living Arrangements of Marathon County Residents Age 65+



SOURCE: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000, Summary File 1.

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